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***Empower, Influence and Forge Ahead!***

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**SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF THE 2011 ANNUAL RUN FOR HEALTH**

On April 11, 2011, the Los Angeles County Commission for Women (Commission) voted not to host the 2011 Annual Run for Health. The decision was very difficult for the Commission, but necessary due to the lack of major sponsors, increasing production costs, and a continuing trend of declining participants.

The Commission relied on proceeds from this annual event to fund its Girls-At-Risk scholarship program. Please be assured that the Commission is in the process of exploring other avenues to raise funds in order to continue providing these young women with educational scholarships. In March of this year, a portion of proceeds from Women of the Year Awards Luncheon was allocated to support the scholarship program. However, the allocated funds from the Luncheon will not allow the Commission to match its 30 scholarships awarded in 2011.

Therefore, the Commission is requesting each Board office contribute \$5,000 to enable the Commission to award scholarships. Please keep in mind when considering our request, that the scholarship recipients are young women who have had to overcome numerous hardships at very young ages and your contributions will aid them in graduating from various colleges such as Mount St. Mary's, University of Southern California, University of California Los Angeles, and Cal-State Los Angeles, Long Beach and Northridge.

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Thank you for considering our Commission's request; and eagerly await your response.

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Attachment

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## 2010 LACCW Scholarship Recipients Spotlights

**District 1 - Haydee Morales**, is a student at Mount St. Mary's College, Chalon Campus with a 3.4 GPA. Haydee is studying to be a Registered Nurse. Before becoming a full-time student, she was employed at Cedars Sinai Medical Centers Community Health and Education Department. She is a single mother. Haydee was recommended by DPSS.

**District 2 – Melisa Nahimana**, is a student at Cal-State Los Angeles with a 3.83 GPA. Melisa is pursuing a degree in Organizational Communications and Public Relations. She works part-time as TA at her former high school, Central High Continuation, Angels Flight Tri-C, assisting homeless students. She was emancipated in 2010. Melisa was recommended by DPSS.

**District 3 – Araciel Juarez** is a student at Cal-State Los Angeles with a 3.82 GPA. She is studying to be a Registered Nurse. Araciel was 1 of 100 students chosen from 685 applicants for the nursing program. She also received a commendation in 2010 from Olive View-UCLA Medical Center for contributing over 133 volunteer hours. Araciel is a single mother. Araciel was recommended by DPSS

**District 4 – Kimberly Franklin** is a student at Cal-State Long Beach with a 4.0 GPA. Kimberly is studying to complete her Masters degree in nursing. She works full time at a law office. She also volunteers at Mission Community Hospital and is an active member of the Black Health Care Student Association. Kimberly was recommended by DCFS.

**District 5 – Mattie Johnson** is a student at Cal-State Northridge with a 3.33 GPA. Mattie is majoring in Pre-Accountancy. She is a leader in the Magic Keystone Club. The Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley/ recommended Mattie